

BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

CASE NO. 1299  
ORDER NO. 1402

IN THE MATTER OF A HEARING CALLED ON A  
MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE  
APPLICATION OF BLOCO, INC., FOR AN ORDER  
PERMITTING A WELL TO BE DRILLED IN THE SW  
SW OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 140 NORTH,  
RANGE 96 WEST, STARK COUNTY, NORTH  
DAKOTA, AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE SPACING  
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DICKINSON FIELD.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

Pursuant to legal notice this cause came on for hearing at 9:30 a.m. on the 26th day of November 1975, in Bismarck, North Dakota, before Gerald VandeWalle, who was designated by the Industrial Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") as trial examiner to receive testimony and exhibits.

NOW, on this 9th day of December, 1975, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony adduced and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That Commission Orders No. 609 and 920 established 320-acre spacing in the Dickinson Field with wells to be located in the SW/4 of the NW and SE quarters of each section.

(3) That the applicant is the owner of an interest in an oil and gas leasehold estate in the S/2 of Section 1, Township 140 North, Range 96 West, Stark County, North Dakota, and that said tract of land is in the "buffer zone" of the Dickinson Field and forms a spacing unit for the Heath Pool.

(4) That geological evidence presented to the Commission indicates that a well drilled at the proper location on said spacing unit would not produce oil in paying quantities, but that there might be recoverable oil under said spacing unit.

(5) That unless a well is drilled in the SW SW of Section 1, Township 140 North, Range 96 West, Stark County, North Dakota, oil in the Heath Pool under said spacing unit might not be recovered.

(6) That in order to protect correlative rights and prevent waste, this application should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Bloco, Inc., be and the same, is hereby granted permission to drill a well in the approximate center of the SW SW of Section 1, Township 140 North, Range 96 West, Stark County, North Dakota, as an exception to the spacing requirements for the Dickinson Field.

(2) That this order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

DONE, in Bismarck, North Dakota, this 9th day of December, 1975.

THE NORTH DAKOTA  
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

/s/ Arthur A. Link  
Arthur A. Link, Governor

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Allen I. Olson, Attorney General

/s/ Myron Just  
Myron Just, Commissioner of Agriculture